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Asks Powers Of Dictator

ROOSEVELT ASKS AUTHORITY
TO DEAL WITH NATIONAL
EMERGENCY.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt, continuing his drive for "big stick" authority to deal with the national emergency, today asked Congress to grant him the powers of a dictator for a drastic retrenchment of Government expenses. The President proposed to attack an accumulated deficit of five billion dollars by reduction in repeal of the furlough plan, reduction of Government salaries, and substitution of a broader plan for reductions in pay of both civil and military employees. The program would reduce Government expenses by about five hundred million dollars.

President Roosevelt has prepared another message asking a five hundred million dollar bond issue to create employment. Of this, two hundred million dollars would be needed for the first year.

SENATOR HOWELL PASSES

WASHINGTON.—Senator Robert B. Howell, of Omaha, Nebraska, Republican, for the past several years chairman of the Senate committee having to do with Alaska affairs and who has paid Alaska two or three official trips in matters connected with investigation of the Alaska Railroad, died at his home here today.

California Earthquake

TAKES TOLL OF 157 LIVES; LOSS
IS SAID TO AGGREGATE
\$61,000,000.

LOS ANGELES.—The total loss of lives over the area covered by the recent earthquake totals 157, according to what are deemed most accurate figures.

The damages sustained over the same area, covering fifteen cities and towns, is placed at sixty-one million dollars.

All school buildings throughout the stricken area are closed and will remain closed until they are declared safe by architects and building authorities.

The earthquake, the duration of which lasted one minute and a half, caused fires at San Pedro and Long Beach, which required desperate fighting before they were finally extinguished.

The work of rebuilding and rehabilitation in all towns and cities is again well under way.

Mrs. J. P. Taylor was a Saturday departure for Fairbanks, whither she went for the purpose of receiving medical treatment. A late word from Fairbanks states that she is greatly improved and in all probability will be able to return here within the next few days.

U. S. Commissioner W. T. Vanderpool, who has been in town several days giving attention to business matters, returned today to his headquarters at McGrath.

Legal Beer Almost Here

ROOSEVELT CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE MODIFICATION OF
VOLSTEAD ACT.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt, in a surprise move that startled even his closest friends, today sent a message to Congress calling for the immediate modification of the Volstead Act to permit the manufacture and sale of beer. In the briefest message he has yet submitted to the Legislature, Mr. Roosevelt asked for immediate action in carrying out one of his foremost pledges to the nation, he asked that manufacture and sale of beer and other beverages be permitted in order to bolster the revenues of the Government. The message follows:

"I recommend to the Congress the passage of legislation for the immediate modification of the Volstead Act, in order to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and other beverages of such alcoholic content as is permissible under the Constitution, and to provide, through their manufacture and sale, of substantial taxes."

HOARDERS ARE NOW
BRINGING OUT GOLD

SEATTLE.—Banking officials said more than twenty-five million dollars were deposited Tuesday when banks resumed after the holiday.

Death Takes Lynn Smith

U. S. MARSHAL FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DIVISION PASSES
ON AT SEATTLE.

Lynn C. Smith, United States Marshal for the Fourth Judicial division of Alaska, died on Thursday last at Providence Hospital, Seattle, according to a telegram received by Deputy U. S. Marshal Stanley Nichols on Friday. Death is said to have been due to a complication of causes, mostly heart trouble, with which Mr. Smith had been a sufferer for many years.

Mr. Smith had gone into hospital only a couple of days before being stricken, after having taken out prisoners sentenced to serve at McNeill Island.

Mr. Smith was an oldtimer of the North, being one of the first on the ground at Rampart, to which place he went with Volney Richmond, now the well known head of the Northern Commercial Company. He was on the ground at Dawson, at Fairbanks, and later in Ruby, where he was engaged in the jewelry business, and later became manager of the N. C. Co. at that place. He was also in Iditarood, where he served as U. S. Deputy Marshal for some months. He received appointment as U. S. Marshal for the Fourth division during the Harding administration, and was esteemed as a most popular official.

Henry Martella, of Ganes creek, was a town visitor for a few days during the past week.

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED BY WILD TENNESSEE TORNADO

NASHVILLE.—Twenty persons were killed by a wild March tornado which swept up the Kentucky-Tennessee line Tuesday night from the Mississippi river to the Cumberland coal country.

The wind struck first southeast Missouri, Northeast Arkansas, headed due east, striking this Capital, Kingsport, Hardgate and several smaller towns. Scores were injured by the twister which, followed by hail storm and tornado, struck East Nashville, where a number of homes were blown down and windows on the west side of the Capitol building were blown away.

ANDY MELLON MADE DEFENDANT IN TAX SUIT

WASHINGTON.—Andrew Mellon, ambassador to Great Britain and former secretary of the treasury, and two former members of the internal revenue bureau, were named defendants in a \$220,000,000 suit charging alleged connivance with officers of foreign steamship companies to evade just income taxes.

Named with Mellon were David H. Blair, one-time commissioner of internal revenue, and Alexander W. Gregg, former acting general counsel for the bureau.

The suit was filed in the District of Columbia supreme court by David A. Olson, who resigned recently as investigator for the Senate stock quiz committee after charging his efforts were being blocked by members of the committee.

The papers alleged that Mellon not only faced one hundred million dollars in delinquent taxes from foreign steamship interests but placed the Government in such a position that it was compelled to refund some \$10,000,000 to the companies, which were not named in the suit.

The suit was filed in Olson's name in behalf of the people of the United States so that any damages awarded would revert to the United States treasury.

PREDICTS WAR WITH JAPAN

RICHMOND, Va.—Asserting that the United States and Japan will inevitably meet in the future in war, William Mitchell, former Chief of the Army air service, Tuesday night recommended mobilization of air power in Alaska.

"Japanese," he told the Rotary Club "think they can whip the world" when accomplishment of their economic desires makes such a war necessary."

TENNESSEE SENATOR

NASHVILLE.—Nathan Bachman has been appointed United States Senator from Tennessee to succeed Cordell Hull, who resigned to become Secretary of State in the Roosevelt Cabinet.

Dr. C. D. Carter, well known dentist, left McGrath a few days ago for Bethel. He is scheduled to return up-river in early summer to McGrath, following which he will visit Takotna and Ophir. He also will visit Flat in September.

Al Walsh, well known oldtimer of the Crooked section, passed through McGrath Saturday last on his way to the Fairbanks hospital. Mr. Walsh, driving his dog team near his home, some days ago, was quite badly injured by being thrown from his sled onto a stump, causing internal injuries of a most painful nature.

Items of Importance In Recent News Events

TOKYO.—A reinforced Japanese army captured Shamoshan, an important pass leading to Jehol, after a terrific two-day battle. The army is now directing its efforts toward Lingyuan, another pass.

Meanwhile, Japanese are jubilant, claiming another Japanese offensive which swept through Peipiao and Caoyang failed at Lingyuan and was turned northward away from its objective.

Once Lingyuan falls, Japanese will have command of a highway leading straight to Jehol City. Japan has placed Great Britain temporarily in the role of villain instead of the United States because of the former nation's action in clamping down an arms embargo independent of any other country.

Another Japanese force sweeping down from the far north is expected to occupy Chihfeng, a communication and transportation center of Jehol province, tomorrow.

The British embargo is regretted in China, where it is said Japan is already well provided with arms, and an embargo against the aggressor nation only was urged.

Approximately half of Jehol is in the hands of the invaders now.

SAN DIEGO.—A Navy expedition in charge of Commander C. R. Hyatt will start March 15 on an aerial mapping expedition to the Aleutians.

They will also establish a weather observation post to study storm trends.

There will be about 600 officers and men in the force, which have the aircraft tender Gannet, the mine sweeper Swallow, two destroyers and two amphibian planes to use on the survey.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt is understood to be considering John Troy for Governor of Alaska, but other names have also been suggested to him from outside the Territory.

Others understood as being considered for Alaska posts are E. W. Griffin of Kodiak as secretary of Alaska, John J. Connors as collector of customs, Simon Hellenthal of Juneau as judge of the First division, William Holzheimer of Ketchikan as United States attorney for the First division, William Mahoney of Ketchikan as United States marshal for the First division, O. D. Cochran of Nome as Federal judge of the Second division, Hugh O'Neill of Nome as United States attorney for the Second division, Thomas Gaffney of Nome as United States marshal for the Second division, Harry F. Morton of Anchorage as Federal judge for the Third division, W. H. Whittlesey of Seward as United States attorney for the Third division, and A. J. Todd of Valdez as United States attorney for the Third division.

WASHINGTON.—The powerful opposition of Senator Borah of Idaho was raised against American participation in an embargo on arms shipment to the Orient.

"To put an arms embargo on China and Japan is to take sides with Japan under circumstances and conditions as they now exist," the chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee told newspapermen.

Borah contends that Japan is already well equipped with arms, while China must seek war supplies abroad.

DETROIT.—Henry Ford tonight brought the weight of his millions to bear on the Michigan banking situation, insuring the creation of two new Detroit banks through which bankers hope to pay depositors approximately 30 per cent of their funds.

Ford and his son, Edsel, agreed to subscribe \$8,250,000 to the capitalization of the two new banks to take over the liquid assets of the First National and the Guardian National and the Bank of Commerce Banks.

Previously the banks met the terms whereby they were able to obtain aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The Fords reserved the right to name the officials and personnel of the banks and ultimately to merge the institutions.

WASHINGTON.—A shakeup is brewing for Washington such as a past March 4 has never brought, for, barring a misstep today, Congress will place in the hands of the new president wide powers of reorganization.

That he intends to use those powers, thoroughly experienced observers have no doubt whatever.

The very secrecy with which the economic preparations of his trusted advisers have been guarded for weeks past is taken as evidence of a serious intent to clean house.

By comparison with what looms, the removal of Republican office holders not under civil service protection and substitution of Democrats becomes a small item.

The scope of power given Roosevelt in the reorganization bill is wide enough to cut millions of dollars off the budget.

Reorganization under the economy plan is now in the final stages of Congressional agreement.

This is what the President can do under the plan:

Abolish any executive agency of the Government except the ten departments represented in the Cabinet. Merge, transfer or abolish any or everyone of the bureaus composing these departments so that everyone of them could be left empty shells.

He cannot abolish their functions, for he must keep the staff to permit money to be spent for carrying out every job Congress has ordered by law.

Garner told newspaper men that advisors of Roosevelt have completed an economy program to shave from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 of Government costs annually.

PORTLAND, Oregon.—Somewhere along the Willamette river today an old buck deer maintained a moving vigil for three state troopers in a realistic version of an Edgar Rice Burroughs narrative. The deer meekly attached itself to the troopers after they rescued it, virtually exhausted, from the river. They carried it to the highway and released it. As the officers walked away, the deer trotted after them.

NEW YORK.—Here are a few facts about gold compiled by New York University professors: Since Columbus discovered America the world has produced about one billion troy ounces of pure gold, worth in United States coinage approximately twenty-three billion dollars.